### SOCIAL AND **PERSONAL**

The Merry Days.

Hang the holly berries—
Lei the red flames glow;
Cheeks as red as cherries
Was born on Christmas Day.
Neath the mistictool
Outside voices on the air;
"Christmas comes but once a year!"

Steeple bells a-ringing
Over merry throngs,
And the fiddle singing.
All the old-time songs!
And outside voices on the air:
"Christmas comes but once a year!"
Fayorable, Crisicism Favorable Criticism.

The following favorable criticism of Miss Ryan's recently published book, "Sue Terry." is found in the New York Catholic News. It says:

"Sue Terry." is a story with a purpose, it contrasts two types of famale character—the solish, ambitious, designing and unscrupulous, with the kind, patient, self-effacing, womanly woman. The scene is laid thround an old Virginia mansion, and we come in contact with a group of reeffacirg, womanly woman. The scene is laid around an old Virginia mansion, and we come in contact with a group of refined people. The two leading characters, Sue Terry, the black, and Bessie Stuart, the white, angel of the drama, are drawn with considerable skill. Lady Worth, the fashionable, frivolous woman, whose heart is not bad, although its best impulses are too often stified by her social ambitions for herself and her daughter, is a type which is said to be only too common in society. The story is told with a good deal of dramatic skill and in elegant, English. Where the hand of the novice is seen is in the construction of the action, in which there is too much improbability. It is a tribute to the author's ability, however, that, in spite of these improbabilities, the reader will follow the story with interest to the end, and when closing the book will be fictined to say that Miss Ryan's first effort is superior to most of the over-puffed productions that have recently come from better known pens."

### Class Recital.

On Friday afternoon, December 23d, Miss Grace B. Cunningham entertained in honor of her small class of music pupils at her home, No. 102 East Franklin Street. The following numbers were well rendered by the class:

1. Festival and Birthday Ball (Wm. Incho), Misses Pearl Crump and Lucilo Williams.

ter Victor Branch.
3. Ivy Leaf Schottische (Wm. E. Miller),
Miss Pearl Crump,
4. The Doll's Dream (Eustin), Miss Lil-

lian Watison.
5. Little May's Dream, Nocturne (Edward Reade), Miss Luclic Williams.
6. Gavotte Facile (Louis Meyer), Master

Meditation (Morrison), Miss Helen

ary Wattson. 8. Gallant Heroes, March-Duet (E. Spar-ow), Misses Helen Gray and Lillian

Mrs. Arthur seadon movies delighted the pupils with several elections, and at the request of the pupils liss Cunningham concluded the programme by playing the quartette from leolette, transcribed by Franz Liszt.

Ricoleto, transcribed by Franz Liszt.

Fuqua—Hopkins.

The following marriage notice that will interest Richmond people is taken from the Lynchburg News:

Mr. Robert IIII Fuqua, of Richmond, and Miss Eulalia Penick Hopkins, of Bedford county, were married Wednesday. December 21st, at high noon, at the Peaks Presbyterian Church, in Bedford, the Rev. Taswell, Mr. McCorkle performing the ceremony.

The church was decorated with palms, ferns and other evergreens. Miss Jean Sperry, with her usual skill, presided at the organ. The bride, a handsome brunette, was becomingly gowned in white silk and carried bride's roses. The maid of honor, Miss Carlie Ewing Huddleston, of Richmond, wore pink silk mull, and carried pink carinations, and was attended by Mr. Mitchell.

The attendants, six in number, wore white silk mull, parrying white carnations, entering the church in the following order: Miss Bessie Goodwyn and Mr. Herbert Hopkins; Miss Sammile Hatcher, Mr. March Patterson; Miss Mace Sperry, Mr. Jack D. Crider, Miss Bertie Sperry, Mr. Jack D. Crider, Miss Ethel Feld, Mr. Robert R. Ruff, Miss Mary Patterson, Mr. Glenn D. Hopkins.

The bride, possessing many accomplishments and deservedly popular with a large circle of friends, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hopkins, of Bedford county. The groom is a promising young business man of Richmond, who by conscientious discharge of duty and strict attention to the interest of his company, has won signal success. The young couple will make their home in Richmond.

pitable home of the bride's parents, where an elegant "old Virginia supper" was most temptingly served.

Gentry—Mitchell.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Mary Plags Mitchell and Mr. Lewis Gentry, which will take place at the Fairmount Methodist Church Wednesday evening, December 28th, at 6:30 o'clock.

### The A. P. V. A. Tea.

The following invitation, with eard calling attention to the Cornell Glee Club concert, has been issued by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities to the Richmond members and to the directresses of the eleven out-of-

town branches:
"The A. P. V. A. requests the honor
of your presence with a friend Wednesday, January 4, 1905, at No. 707 Franklin
Street, East, from 5 to 8 P. M."

Cornell Glee Club. "The Cornell Glee Club will give an entertainment under the auspices of the A. P. V. A. Thursday evening. December 20th, at the Academy of Music. The music by this club ranks with professionals and always draws packed houses. As the association will share in the profits, we cordially invite you to be present."

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Leath-Denmead

Third Street.

Leath—Denmead:

The following marriage notice appeared in the society columns of the Weshington Poet of yesterday. The bride is well known in Richmond:

The marriage of Mr. J. Howard Leath, of Ballimore, and Miss Emma H. Denmead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Denmead, of West Point, Va. took place at 5180 o'clock last evening at No. 923 s Street, Northwest, the home of Mr. W. F. Lipscomb, the bride's unds. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. D. Power, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, Mr. R. B. Ryssell, an intimate friend of Mr. Leath, acting as best mian, and Miss Austena Lipscomb as maid of honor. Immedately after the ceremony the couple left on the Washington and Norfolk steamer for Norfolk, the first stage of their honeymoon to New York, Mr. Leath is connected with the Chesapeake Steamship Company, or Baltimos, and the couple will make their home in that city.

President of Law Class.

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#### In Honor of Miss Waddill.

Mrs. Cannon's debutante sister, one of the most attractive and popular among the many young girls who have made their bow to society this season.

Mrs. W. H. Rice, of Fredericksburg, who has been visiting Mrs. Norvell An-derson, has returned to her home.

Miss Mary Amanda Burns and Mr. Stanley Ewing Peters, of Canada, were married Thursday, December 22d, at "The Elims," the residence, near Charlestown, W. Va., of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Burns.

Mr. W. G. Smithers, Virginia representative of the Tilden Company, manufacturing pharmacists, of New York, harreturned to Richmond to spend the holidays with his family. He will leave fon soveral months' trip shortly after Christmas.

Misses Margaret and Florence Wood and Miss Flossic Concily will spend Juristmas with Mrs. A. W. Davis, at Croxton, Va.

Miss Caroline Hirsh, of Fredericksburg, will be the Christmus guest of Miss Car-tic Kaufman, on West Grace Street. Mr. Walter Burruss, of Richmond Col-ege, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bur-uss, in Fredericksburg.

Mrs. N. S. Morton and daughter. Miss. Rosalio Meredith, are the guests of Mrs. W. G. Humner, in Lynchburg.

Mr. Arthur Robertson will leave to-day to stay until after the holidays with his family in Mecklenburg county.

Mr. Andrew Moreland, of the American National Bank, leaves to day for Railels N. C., and Charleston, S. C., where he will be with his family for Christmas.

Mr. Arthur S. Crawford, formerly of Richmond, and now llving in Roanoke. Is ill with typinoid fever at the Roanoke tiospital.

### Books Received.

THE BACHELOR GIRL'S COLONIAL BEAU, By Anne, 63 pages, \$1.00. Neale Publishing Company, Washing-ton.

NIAGARA FALLS ELECTRICAL HAND-BOOK. 208 pages. Published under AGARA PALLAS BOOK. 208 pages, Published under the auspices of American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

LA VIDA ES SUENO. By Pedro Calde ron, with notes and vocabulury by William W. Comfort, 180 pages American Book Company, New York.

BRIEF GERMAN BOOK. By C. F. Kay-ser and F. F. Monteser. 363 pages. American Book Company, New York.

SCHOOL CHEMISTRY. By E. M. Avery, 423 pages. American Book Company

Robbins and F. H. Somerville, 173 pages, American Book Company, New York.

A MANUAL OF PERSONAL HYGIENE. Edited by Walter L. Pyle. 441 pages. \$1.50. W. B. Saunders & Company, New York.

HOOSIER HUNTING GROUNDS. By Bill Bat. 324 pages. \$1.50. Neale Pub-lishing Company, New York.

THE SORROWS OF SAPED. By James Jeffrey Roche. 195 pages. \$1.50. Harper & Bros. New York: Bell Book & Stationery Company, Richmond. The author of "His Majesty the King." referred to by the publishers, as "that very funny book." here recounts the misndventures of an Oriental monarch with his successive wives. The monarch's intellectual attainment is sufficiently indicated by his name; and his leading wife was for some time Miss Dazec, occulitist, late, we may assume, of Coney Island, N.Y. The tale is told in antique Arabian Nights style, and the humor is supposed to lurk in the fantasticalness of it all. Mr. Roche has no doubt done Ms bost to be funny, and we have no hard feelings against him; but we have found his book dreary reading. There are some excellent colored pictures by W. E. Mears.

MAY IVERSON-HER BOOK. By Ella-abeth Jordan. 22 pages, \$1.50. Har-per and Brothers, New York; Bel Book and Stationery Company, Rich-

per and Brothers, New York; Bell Book and Stationery Company, Richmond.

The author of "Tales of the Cloister" has here turned her story-telling faculty to the thesis of school life in a great convent. The rather intuate feature of these stories is that they are supposedly told in the words of a girl of fout teen, and it is in catching this point of view and manner of thinking and expression that Miss Jordan has chiefly showed her cleverness and individuality. She has succeeded remarkably well in giving to May iverson girl the language and style that might really be used by an intelligent young schoolgirl, with a zilghtly booktsh turn, and already harboring litesclous of only an occasional far here and there in the use of an unlikely word or the too mature turning of a phrase. For the most part the language clothes the ideas like a garment. There are ten of the stories, of very even merit. They all center about the doings of May and Maudle Joyce and Mubel Blossom and one or two others, often with no sharply marked plot, but always more than redeemed by the manner of telling. To make a book of this type a "go," a keen humor is, of course, indispensable, and Miss Jordan, as a quiet fun-maker, is entirely satisfactory, "May Iverson" is in quife a new vein, and is altogether worth while.

## POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fall to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Ellot Norton.

## Song From "Pippa Passes."

By ROBERT BROWNING.

The blographical sketch, photograph and autograph of the author have been printed in this series.

### THE YEAR'S AT THE SPRING

HE year's at the spring And day's at the morn; Morning's at seven; The snail's on the thorn:

## THE LATEST BOOKS **UNDER BRIEF REVIEW**

publications, the historic and artistic prominence of the work quoted above is eadly discernible to the eye that is

of the wearers.

"Historic Dress in America" begins with the English colonies in Virginia, Maryland, the Barbadoes and the Carolinas during the reigns of James I. Charles I. and II. James II. and William and Mary. The period covers the years between 1607 and 1700. The pages devoted to it are illustrated by copies from the portraits of Capitain John Smith, Sir Edwin Sandys, George Sandys, Sir Isaac Pennington, Sir George Percy and others. It has also several pages of figures in hilfins also several pages of figures in half.

"Let your gown be a sacque, blue, yellow tone, representing in one the dress of or green, a colonial Governor and lady in the And frizzle your elbows with ruffles six-

time of Charles I., and of a gentleman planter and his wife; in another the fashlonable indoor and out-of-door sum-incr-attire of an English gentleweman in purf and pucker up knots on your arms

in Viginia, arts, strain viningary consisted of a red, blue and black silk petticent, a petticent of India silk and worsted, pruncipla, a striped linen and scalled petticent, a black silk gown, a scarlet waistcoat with silver lace, a white knit waistcoat, a striped bufwhite knit waistcoat, a striped buf-jacket, a worsted prunella mantle, a sky-colored satin bodice, a pair of red paragon bodies, three fine and three coarse Holland aprons, seven handker-chiefs and two hoods."

colony, further enliven these pages.

The third chapter turns to the Dutch and English in New York, Long Island, the Jerseys, Delaware and Pennsylvania. This part of the book is rich in the copies from the portraits of Peter Stuyvesant, Sir Edmunds Andres, Henry Hudson, Sir William Keith, Dutch, Swedish and Quakor ladies, gentiemen and children. There are pictures of Elizabeth and Philadelphia Wharton by Vandyke; of Joremlas Van Rennselaer, of New York, and Killaen Van Rennselaer, of New Amsterdam; of Count Zinzendorf, of Sunucl Bradstreet, governor of Massachusetts, of Lady Fenwick and of Mrs. Elizabeth, and Lady Fenwick and of Mrs. Elizabeth, and Lady Fenwick and of Mrs.

Blooming

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Christmas!

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AT ----

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**Plants** 

Published by George W. Jacobs of Philadelphia, with an intro-bry chapter on dress in the French property of Ffords, and Louisiana with pointed bodies, low neck and full with pointed bodies, low neck and full

and James I., a bodice of white satin, shished and plaked; a page of figures in costume exemplifying a male and female Furtan colonist dress in the year 1866 and the apparency of an English gentleman and gentlewoman in the same year. Portraits of Samuel Sewall, Sir John Leverett and John Winthrop, governors of the Massachusetts colony, and of James Whislow, governor of Plymouth colony, further enliven these pages.

The third chapter turns to the Dutch and English in New York, Long Island, the Jerseys, Delaware and Pennsylvania, This part of the book is rich in the copies from the portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Raiph Izard, the Carolina colony, one of the West family; copies from the portraits of Washington and Franklin; from those of Mashington and Franklin; from those of Mashington and Franklin; from those of Washington and Franklin; from those of Mashington and Frank

rest of the book is devoted to legal dress in America and to the matter of American uniforms.

The text of the book compares well with the fillustrations in value, and is compiled and written with thought and research, with generous quotations from the highest authorities on historic dress, and from what has been said by the poets, crities, finadies and belies in regard to the weddings, receptions and functions of all sorts, occurring during the years covered by the book, from 1607 to 1800.

The work is complete in every respect, and is beautifully printed and bound. To the student of American history, to the writer and those who observe social conditions, the book will be a necessity as well as a luxury. It cannot be too highly commended.

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MRS. MAYBRICK'S OWN STORY. By Florence Elizabeth Maybrick. 391 pp. \$1.20. Funk and Wagnalls Company, New York,

Mrs. Maybrick's story is already so well known as to make even the briefest recapitulation here possibly superfluous. The daughter of a well-to-da banker of Mobile, Ala. six was married in London, at the uge of eighteen, to James Maybrick, and the young couple took up their residence in a Liverpool suburb, After a few years of more or less unhappy married ilfe, James Maybrick died in May, 1859, under circumstances which susgested arsented potentials, Mrs. Maybrick was arrested on the charge of having murdered her husband by administering poison to lim; was tried, convicted and sentenced to death, a sentence which was afterward commuted to penal Servitude for life. Some months later, the judys who had presided at the trial, died insane. Public opinion, at first almos, violently against the prisoner, underwent a complete revulsion after the rendering of the yordict, which was very generally believed to be unjust and contrary to evidence. Wittin ten days, hundreds of petitions, for her release, enrolling a to-

tal of some talf million names slowered down upon the Home Secretary. The result was a commutation of the death sentence to imprisonment for life. A life sentence usually means, we are told, twenty years, with three months counted out of each year for good conduct. Mrs. Maybriok's term expired on January 25, and a few months later she returned to this country.

Apart from its strong "human interest," Mrs. Maybriok's narrative is chiefly valuable for the pictures it gives of prison life. Solitary confinement, she says, is by far the most cruel feature of English penal servitude.

"It inflots upon the prisoner at the commenciment of her sentence, when most sensitive to the horrors which prison punishment entalls, the volceless collitude, the hopoless monthony, the long

on punishment entails, the voiceless soli-tude, the hopeless monotony, the long visits of to-morrow, to-morrow to-mor-row stretching before her, all filled with desciation and despair. Once a prisone has crossed the threshold of a convict prison, not only is she dead to the world, but she is expected in word and deed to lose or forgot every vestige of her per-sonality."

And again she says:

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"Let the sympatifette render try to realize what it means never to feel the touch of anything soft or warm, never to see anything that is attractive-nething but stone above, around and beneath. The deadly chill creeps into one's bones; the bitter days of winter and the still bitterer nights were torture, for Woking Prison was not heated. My hands and feet were covered with chilbhains.

"Oh, the horrors of insomnial If one could only forget one's sufferings in sloop! During all the lifteen years of my im-



Author of "The Tomboy at Work,"



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Now York, need not concern us here. The opinions and conclusions of the autitor, of whatever nationality he may be, none the less entertain and afford food for thought. The imiginable point of view of the Oriental is set forth intelligently and forcibly. "You are accustomed," the author declares, "to regard us as barbarians, and not unnaturally, for it is only on occasions when we murder your compations that your attention is powerfully drawn to us," This, it is submitted, is a conclusion as unreasonable "ias would be an inference from the present conduct of, your troops in China to the general character of Western civilization." Of that civilization the author entertains no very exalted opinion. He defects in it, not the stability and moral order of China, but only an economic chaos, with the "cash-naxus" as the only relationship recognized among men. After this it is not surprising to be informed that China would not extinage civilizations with us if she could. "While we recognize," he goes on to say, "the greatness of your practical and selentific achievements, yet we find it impossible unreservedly to admire a civilization which has produced manners so coarse, morals so low, and an appearance so unlovely, as those with which we are constantly confronted in your great cities. Admitting that we are not what you call a progressive people, we yet perceive that progress may be bought too dear, we prefer our own moral to your material advantages, and we are determined to cling to the institutions which, we believe, insure us the former, even at the risk of excluding ourselves from the latter."

And considerably more of the same intent and purport. Any man to whom a Chinage ordical intimates, with shinple directness, that his manners are coarse, his morals low and his appearance unfollowely is likely to sit up and take notics. In general varies largely with the naturo of the glasses we wear. Admitting, for argument's saite, that most of us wear glasses of some kind or other, of course it is interesting now and the

Stationery Company, Richmond. mking an Unrelindoword Liver on sea a degree and the Unrelindoword of the Common of the Stand of humor. At which they was a stand of the Common of the Stand of Humor. At the Universe of the

THE QUEST OF JOHN CHAPMAN, By Newell Dwight Killis, \$1.50. The Macmillan Co., New York.

In the latter half of the eighteenth century there were many curious tales told by the settlers in the Ohio and alississiply valleys of a mysterious old man, who, they said, floated down the river in a boat laden with apple seeds, which he planted in open

Their Christmas Dinner.

Superintendent Davis, of the Almshouse has arranged for the usual Christmas dinner. The menu will include turkey, vegetables and desert, and will doubtless be enjoyed by all.